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DEAR ANONYMOUS READERS!
TheWhiteBunny
YOU MEAN NEW BLOOD.
WE'RE IN GREAT NEED FOR NEW SOULS TO EAT.
Fennil
Blueberry
SHUT UP! I'M TALKING. SO, THIS NEW BLOOD RITUAL WE'RE—
NO, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE—

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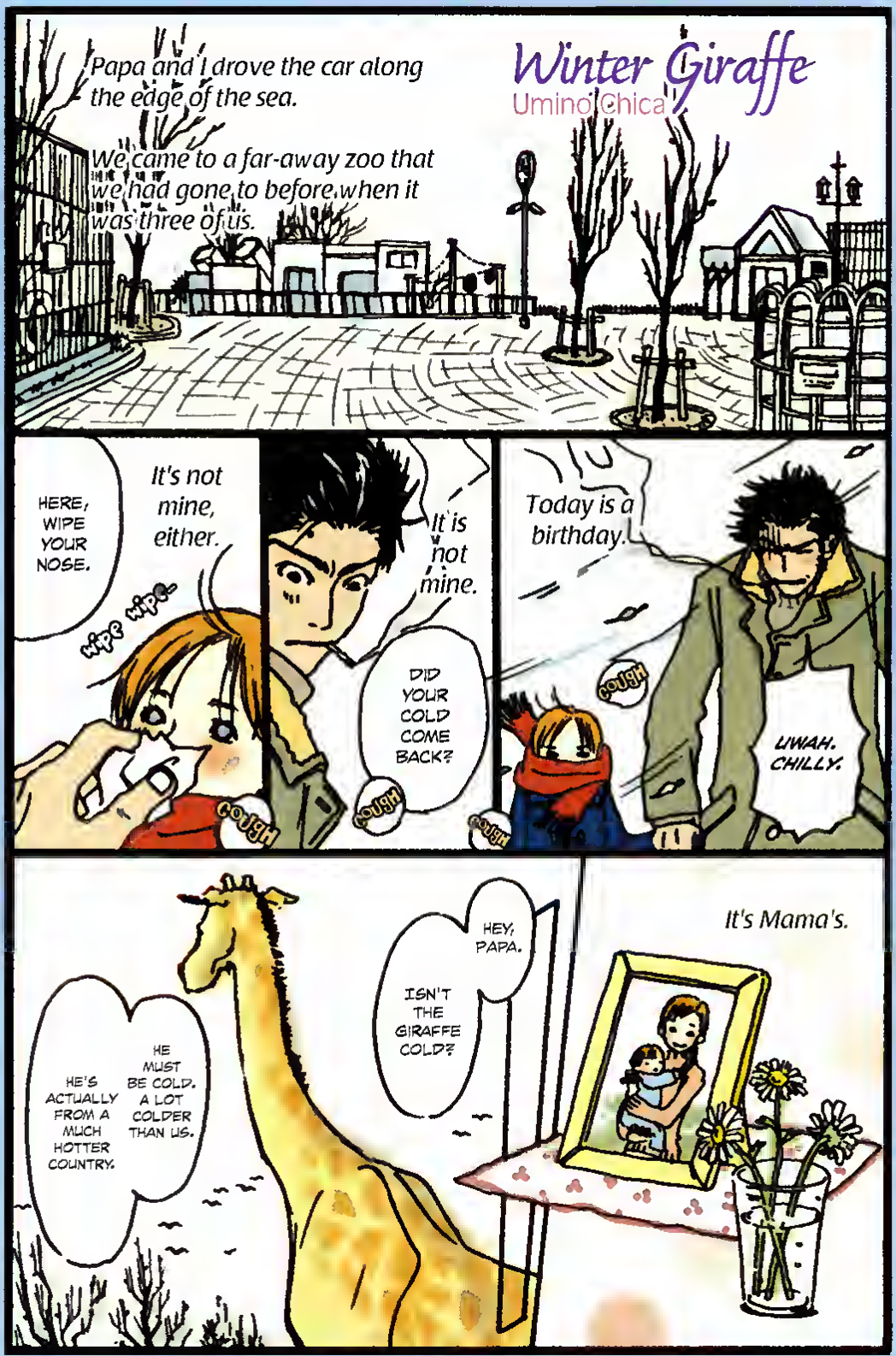
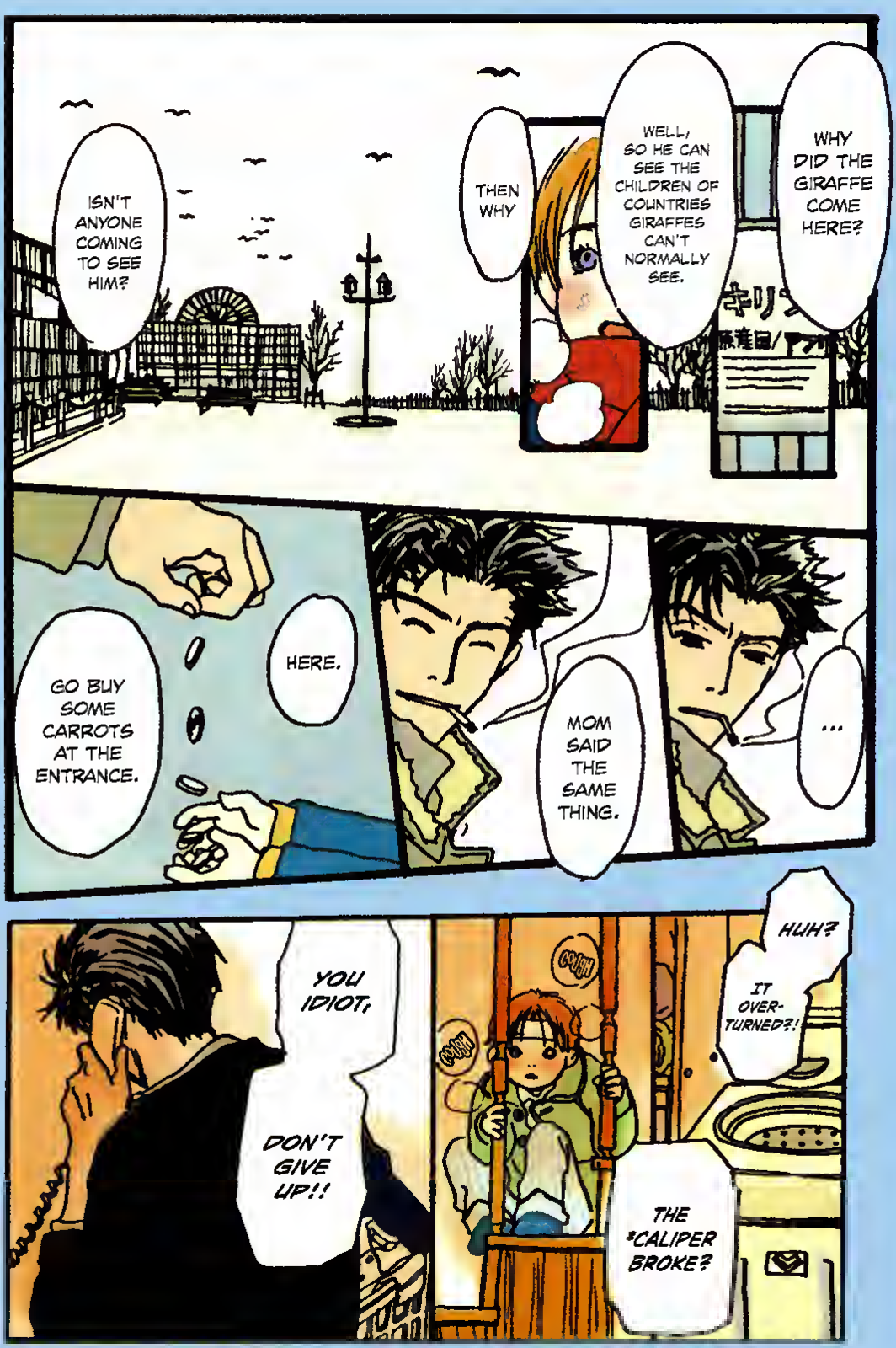

Winter Giraffe
Umino Chica
Papa and I drove the car along the edge of the sea.
We came to a far-away zoo that we had gone to before when it was three of us.
HERE, WIPE YOUR NOSE.
It's not mine, either.
wipe wipe
COUGH
It is not mine.
DID YOUR COLD COME BACK?
COUGH
Today is a birthday.
COUGH
UWAH. CHILLY.
HEY, PAPA.
ISN'T THE GIRAFFE COLD?
HE MUST BE COLD. A LOT COLDER THAN US.
HE'S ACTUALLY FROM A MUCH HOTTER COUNTRY.
It's Mama's.



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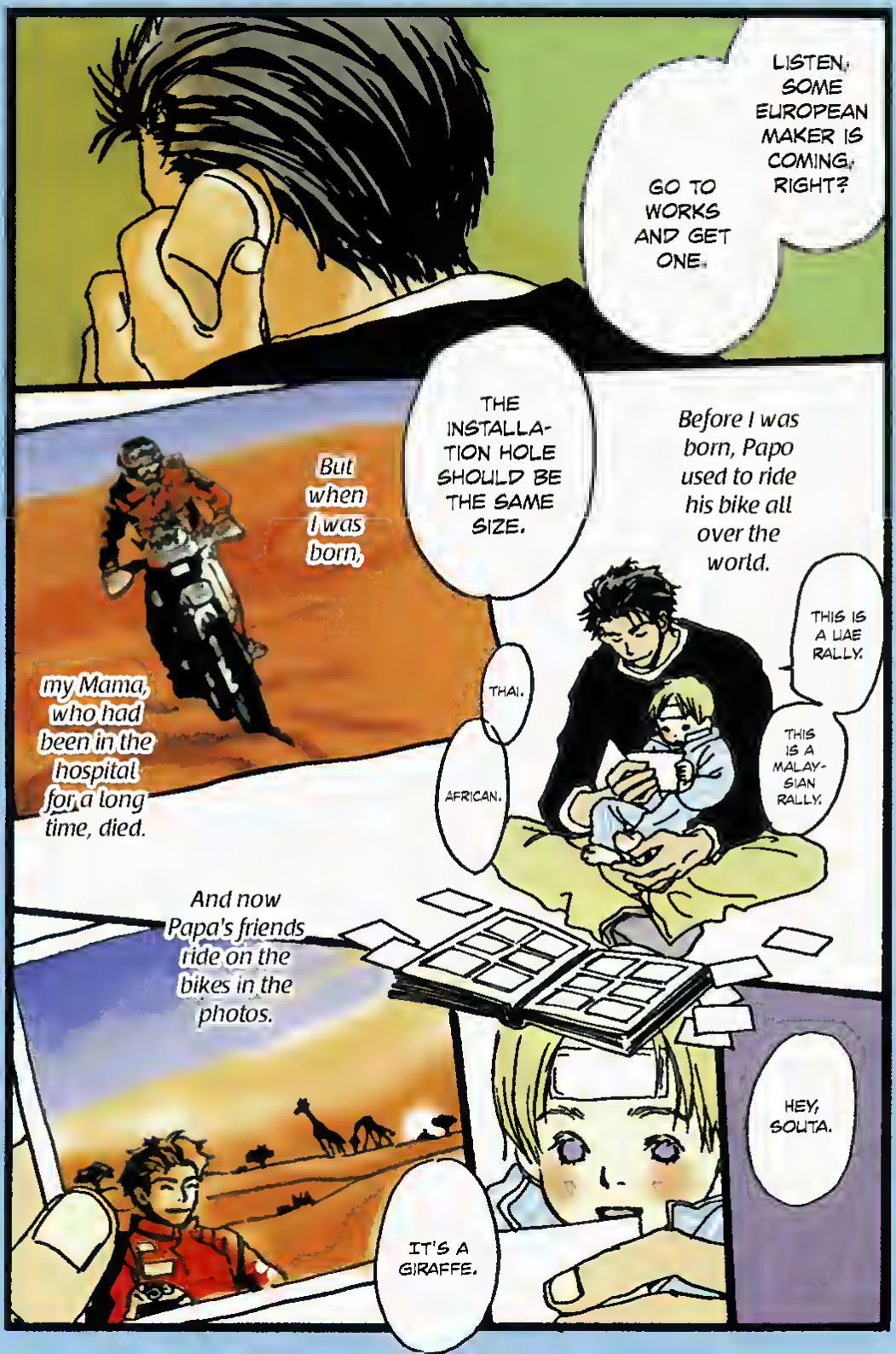
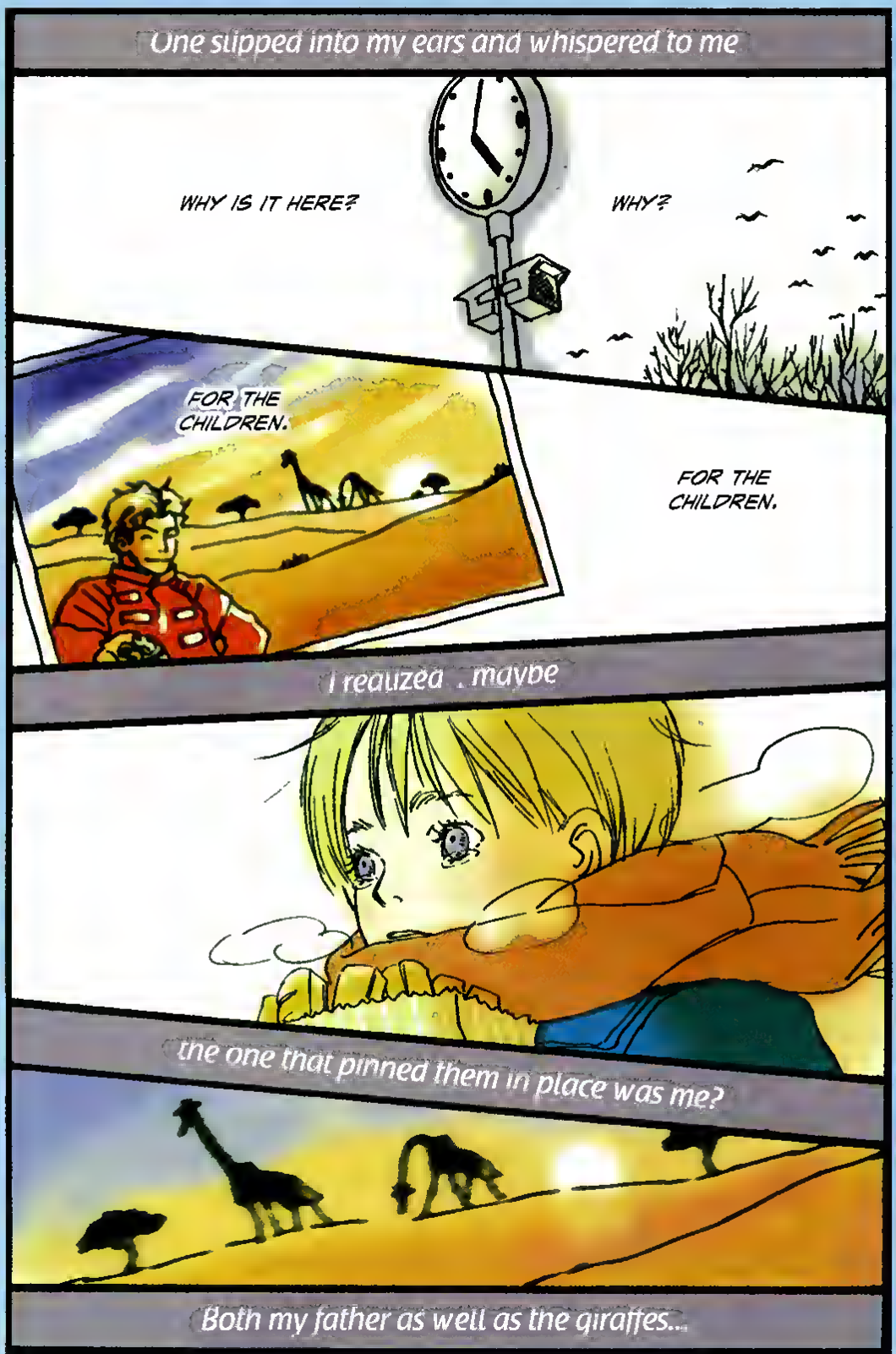

LISTEN. SOME EUROPEAN MAKER IS COMING, RIGHT?
GO TO WORKS AND GET ONE.
THE INSTALLATION HOLE SHOULD BE THE SAME SIZE.
Before I was born, Papo used to ride his bike all over the world.
THIS IS A UAE RALLY.
THIS IS A MALAYSIAN RALLY.
THAI.
AFRICAN.
But when I was born,
my Mama, who had been in the hospital for a long time, died.
And now Papa's friends ride on the bikes in the photos.
HEY, SOUTA.
IT'S A GIRAFFE.

PA...
the white zoo in the evening
was enveloped by the light of the fireflies overflowing from the speakers


One slipped into my ears and whispered to me
WHY IS IT HERE?
WHY?
FOR THE CHILDREN.
FOR THE CHILDREN.
I realized . maybe
the one that pinned them in place was me?
Both my father as well as the giraffes...

SOUTA?
TIME'S ABOUT UP, SOUTA.
HURRY AND GIVE THOSE CARROTS TO...
from the place they should be
SORRY.
I GUESS I REMINDED YOU OF THAT.
IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS THE THREE OF US HERE LAST TIME, HUH...?
I SEE.
to this place so far away...
HEY, SOUTA.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT, SOUTA.
END

<Winter Giraffe>

I saw a winter giraffe at a big park in Izu.
There was a little snow and its breathe was white. I thought a lot when I looked at it.

Probably a little too much, so it appeared in Honey and Clover, too.
The Ferris Wheel in Volume 2 is from the same park.

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